IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS WESTERN DIVISION

RITA and PAM JERNIGAN and BECCA and TARA AUSTIN

PLAINTIFFS

DEFENDANTS

v.

NO. 4:13-CV-410 KGB

LARRY CRANE, In His Official Capacity As Circuit And County Clerk For Pulaski County, Arkansas And His Successors In Interest; RICHARD WEISS, In His Official Capacity As Director of the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration And His Successors in Interest; GEORGE HOPKINS, In His Official Capacity as Executive Director of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System And His Successors In Interest; and DUSTIN MCDANIEL, In His Official Capacity As Attorney General For The State Of Arkansas and His Successors in Interest

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Separate Defendants, Richard Weiss, George Hopkins, and Dustin McDaniel, and their respective Successors in Interest, all in their official capacities, by and through their Counsel, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from this Court's Opinion and Order of November 25, 2014 (Docket Entry No. 40) by which the Court granted Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment, and the Judgment entered in accordance therewith (Docket Entry No. 41). This order is appealable pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1291.

Respectfully Submitted,

RICHARD WEISS, In His Official Capacity And His Successors in Interest; GEORGE HOPKINS, In His Official Capacity And His Successors In Interest; and DUSTIN MCDANIEL, In His Official Capacity and His Successors in Interest

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nga Mahfouz, Assistant Attorney General, do hereby certify that on December 23, 2014, I electronically filed the forgoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system.

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